



March 8, 2006

Coyote Valley Task Force  
City of San Jose Planning Department  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Draft Affordable Housing Strategy for Coyote Valley

Dear Task Force Members,

We would like to thank you for your continued consideration of the "Habitat" ownership model as an option for affordable housing in Coyote Valley. We believe that our model, in combination with the other types of affordable housing models under consideration, will provide a range of affordable housing opportunities to meet the needs of the City of San Jose residents.

Silicon Valley Habitat for Humanity's (SVHfH) model leverages free land, development costs subsidies, private donations and volunteer labor to provide ownership housing for families earning under 50% of Median Family Income. In a recent Draft Affordable Housing Strategy prepared by P&D Consultants for the City of Mountain View, Habitat projects were considered to have "the lowest project cost per unit and person of all the housing options" under consideration (page ES-3).

We look forward to working with the Coyote Valley Task Force on this matter. Please feel free to contact me at (408)942-6444 with any questions or requests for additional information.

Sincerely,

  
Jennifer Simmons  
Project Development Manager

cc: Robert Freiri